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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON AMBASSADOR JOHN JOHNSON

REF: NDJAMENA 0975

1. AMBASSADOR JOHN JOHNSON'S FIRST DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT WAS IN ALGERIA (POSITION UNKNOWN), FOLLOWED BY HIS POSTING TO LAGOS FROM C. 1973 TO FEBRUARY 1978 AS HEAD OF CHANCERY. HE SERVED CONCURRENTLY AS THE NONRESIDENT CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TO BENIN.

2. AN EXCIVIL SERVANT, JOHNSON IS NOT AN OLD LINE DIPLOMAT. HE ENTERED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE WHILE IN HIS 30'S . HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED WITH THE COLONIAL OFFICE AND HAD SPENT TIME IN KENYA. MOST OF HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WAS IN EAST AND NORTH AFRIAA AND HE DOES NOT KNOW WEST AFRICA VERY WELL. HE VISITED, A NUMBER OF WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIESPRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM LAGOS EARLIER THIS YEAR. JOHNSON HAD A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH US OFFICIALS IN LAGOS AND IMPRESSED THEM AS A SOLID PERFORMER.

3. THE AMBASSADOR IS SOMEWHAT OF AN INTROVERT AND NOT VERY DEMONSTRATIVE, BUT IS WARM WITH CLOSE ASSOCIATES. MRS. JOHNSON IS BUBBLY, TALKATIVE AN STRAIGHTFORWARD. JOHNSON'T TOU IN LAGOS WAS MARRED BY HIS SON FALLING VICTIM TO ENCEPHALITIES.

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